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SeaWorld Orlando & Aquatica Renew Long-Standing Certification from American Humane Society for Animal Care, Welfare and Wellbeing

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Washington, D.C. (September 30, 2026) — [American Humane Society](#), the United States' first national humane organization and the world's largest certifier of animal welfare practices, announced today that SeaWorld Orlando and Aquatica have once again renewed their long-standing certification through the [American Humane Certified™](#) program for zoos, aquariums and conservation centers. SeaWorld Orlando has been certified since 2018 and Aquatica since 2020.

"We are proud to continue to recognize both SeaWorld and Aquatica as American Humane Certified™ facilities," said Dr. Robin Ganzert, President and CEO of American Humane Society. "Zoos, aquariums, and conservation parks around the world play an important role in the animal welfare movement, and this renewed certification further signifies SeaWorld Orlando and Aquatica as leaders in aquatic care and conservation."

SeaWorld Orlando and Aquatica offer immersive, unforgettable experiences that connect guests with the wonders of the natural world through inspiring animal encounters, exciting attractions and immersive aquatic adventures.

"Renewed certification for both SeaWorld Orlando and Aquatica reflects the dedication our animal care teams bring to their work every single day. Achieving American Humane Certified™ status isn't a one-time milestone, it's an ongoing commitment to holding ourselves to the highest standards in animal welfare, informed by the latest science and validated by independent experts in the field," said Dr. Chris Dold, Chief Zoological Officer, United Parks & Resorts. "We're honored to have our work recognized once again, and we remain committed to leading the way in animal care, conservation and education."

Rigorous Certification Standards:

To continue to be recognized as [American Humane Certified](#), SeaWorld Orlando and Aquatica passed a rigorous independent assessment that reviewed the well-being of

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animals in its care. The unique process is guided by the latest science and best practices and is informed by respected veterinarians and experts in the fields of animal welfare, animal science, zoology and ethics who have decades of experience in protecting animals.

The independent validation process provides confidence that the institution is meeting a high benchmark of care. The process [included](#) an onsite audit that assesses animal welfare. Factors considered during the audit include, but are not limited to, housing, nutrition, water quality, lighting, shade, sound, activity levels and the training of staff who are interacting with the animals. The benchmarks are species-specific.

About American Humane Society:

American Humane Society is the United States' first national humane organization and the world's largest certifier of animal welfare, helping to verify the humane treatment of more than one billion animals across the globe each year. Founded in 1877, American Humane Society has been at the forefront of virtually every major advancement in the humane movement to rescue, care for and protect animals. For more information or to support our life-changing work, please visit www.AmericanHumane.org, follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#) and subscribe to our channel on [YouTube](#) for the latest breaking news and features about the animals with whom we share our Earth

About SeaWorld:

SeaWorld is a leading marine life theme park and accredited zoo and aquarium that provides experiences that matter while educating and inspiring guests of all ages to care about marine life. Welcoming millions of guests every year, the parks offer fun and enriching experiences from up-close animal encounters and year-round educational programs to award-winning marine-life-themed rides and attractions, special events, and exciting entertainment. For more than 60 years SeaWorld has advanced the conservation of marine life in and outside its parks through science, education, and exceptional animal care that is Humane Certified by American Humane and accredited by the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. SeaWorld is one of the largest marine animal rescue organizations in the world, helping more than 43,000 animals to date. The SeaWorld Conservation Fund, a non-profit foundation established in 2003, has provided more than \$20 million to nearly 1,400 organizations to advance critical research on every continent. A portion of park proceeds goes toward supporting these longstanding conservation commitments. SeaWorld parks

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are in Orlando, San Antonio, San Diego, and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). SeaWorld is part of the United Parks & Resorts Inc. (NYSE: PRKS) portfolio of theme park brands. For more information, visit us at SeaWorld.com.

About Aquatica:

A vibrant aquatic landscape, splashed with South Seas spirit and dotted with towering, colorful slides, Aquatica Orlando delights all ages and interests. This one-of-a-kind water park, voted the #1 outdoor water park in the country by USA Today's 10Best Reader's Poll, is home to some of the world's most thrilling water rides, featuring 50 slides, rivers and lagoons and 84,000 square feet of sparkling white, sandy beaches. Aquatica isn't all about dashing and splashing though. This lush, laid-back playground is perfect for going with the flow. Wade into lazy rivers and wave pools without waiting in line and watch cares float away. Or grab a cozy lounge chair on one of Orlando's loveliest beaches and sip a refreshing cocktail. Two large play areas just for kids make Aquatica the perfect spot for family fun. Aquatica offers exclusive attractions that promise unlimited fun, sending guests on amazing undersea adventures.

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